

# Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants and Research

## Homeland Security Division

### FFY 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program

#### State-Share Availability of Grant Funds: Questions and Responses

Question	Response
Has the Massachusetts Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) changed since last year?	Yes, it did change. The THIRA was updated in 2015. The document is considered by EOPSS to be For Official Use Only (FOUO) and must be requested via email from <a href="mailto:sarah.meyrick@state.ma.us">sarah.meyrick@state.ma.us</a> .
Are the changes between the 2014 Massachusetts THIRA/SPR and 2015 Massachusetts THIRA/SPR clearly stated and described?	Changes from previous versions of the Massachusetts THIRA and SPR are not clearly described in the documents.
Are assessments allowable?	Yes, assessments are allowable. Assessments can be a valuable tool to determine homeland security capabilities or gaps. Some examples would include assessments of: threats and vulnerabilities to facilities from active shooter attacks; cybersecurity risks; interoperable communications equipment needs and; effectiveness of Standard Operating Procedures, etc.
Will there be any maximum or minimum grant awards?	No, EOPSS encourages cost effective project justifications of any dollar value. Proposed projects that most closely align with state and federal homeland security priorities, capability targets in the 2015 Massachusetts Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), capability gaps in the 2015 Massachusetts State Preparedness Report (SPR) or implementation steps in the December 2014 State Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS) will be prioritized.
Is there a requirement for applicants to provide matching funds?	No matching funds are required on the part of the applicant.
Is the \$2.1 million fully available to the competitive process or will there be funds carved out for other priorities?	EOPSS intends to award <u>up to</u> \$2.1 million through the competitive process. At this time there are no plans to carve out funds for other priorities. Depending on the quality of the proposed projects, EOPSS may or may not award all of the funds through this Availability of Grant Funds.
Can the participants of June 7th informational GoTo meeting receive a copy of the slides?	Yes, the slides were emailed to all of the meeting participants. Additionally, the presentation was posted on the EOPSS website along with the other FFY 2016 State-Share AGF documents.